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AIRLINE TRAFFIC SETS ALL-TIME RECORDS IN AUGUST

WASHINGTON, D.C., August 21, 1989- Airline traffic rose 3.2 percent to an all time high of 43 billion passenger miles and a record 42.0 million passengers were boarded in August, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic revenue passenger miles grew 2.1 percent in August, over the same month last year. Available seat miles declined 1.3 percent. The number of passengers enplaned increased 0.9 percent to 38.0 million, while the load factor was 71.3 percent, up from 69.0 percent for August a year ago.

In international service, traffic in August climbed 6.5 percent, and the available seat miles increased 7.5 percent. Passenger enplanements increased 4.3 percent, and the load factor amounted to 76.9 percent compared to 77.6 percent in August last year.

For the first eight months of 1989, the revenue passenger miles in domestic and international service were up 1.6 percent to 285.0 billion, and the number of passengers declined 1.3 percent to 290.0 million. The available seat miles increased 0.3 percent, and the load factor was 64.7 percent compared to 63.9 percent for the same period last year.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

AUGUST 1989 - 1988

| | AUGUST | | | YEAR TO DATE | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1988 | 1989 | PERCENT CHANGE | 1988 | 1989 | PERCENT CHANGE |
| DOMESTIC | | | | | | |
| PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000) | 37,708 | 38,043 | 0.9 | 270,228 | 265,453 | (1.8) |
| REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000) | 31,292,346 | 31,936,598 | 2.1 | 218,260,665 | 216,775,503 | (0.7) |
| AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000) | 45,340,295 | 44,770,027 | (1.3) | 347,971,452 | 339,654,410 | (2.4) |
| LOAD FACTOR (%) | 69.0 | 71.3 | | 62.7 | 63.8 | |
| INTERNATIONAL | | | | | | |
| PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000) | 3,832 | 3,995 | 4.3 | 23,568 | 24,540 | 4.1 |
| REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000) | 10,603,375 | 11,294,022 | 6.5 | 62,238,782 | 68,205,035 | 9.6 |
| AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000) | 13,658,053 | 14,685,437 | 7.5 | 91,220,883 | 100,942,944 | 10.7 |
| LOAD FACTOR (%) | 77.6 | 76.9 | | 68.2 | 67.6 | |
| TOTAL | | | | | | |
| PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000) | 41,540 | 42,038 | 1.2 | 293,796 | 289,993 | (1.3) |
| REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000) | 41,895,721 | 43,230,620 | 3.2 | 280,499,447 | 284,980,538 | 1.6 |
| AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000) | 58,998,348 | 59,455,464 | 0.8 | 439,192,335 | 440,597,354 | 0.3 |
| LOAD FACTOR (%) | 71.0 | 72.7 | | 63.9 | 64.7 | |

CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AM, PIEDMONT, TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, ALASKA, ALOHA, BRANIFF, HAWAIIAN, MIDWAY, AND SOUTHWEST.

Note: Eastern August numbers are estimated

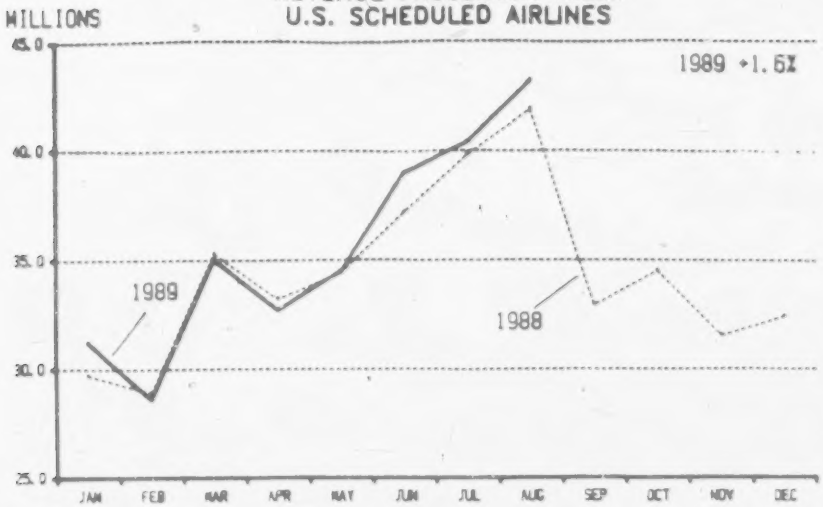
PRELIMINARY SCHEDULED PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
SYSTEM OPERATIONS

| MONTH | REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000) | AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000) | LOAD FACTOR | ENPLANEMENTS (000) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1988 | | | | |
| January | 29,650,442 | 52,927,211 | 56.0 | 31,186 |
| February | 28,942,984 | 50,163,135 | 57.7 | 32,050 |
| March | 35,326,656 | 54,786,969 | 64.5 | 38,811 |
| April | 33,240,219 | 53,065,878 | 62.6 | 35,866 |
| May | 34,381,529 | 55,049,442 | 62.5 | 36,737 |
| June | 37,243,100 | 55,884,844 | 66.6 | 38,021 |
| July | 39,818,796 | 58,316,508 | 68.3 | 39,585 |
| August | 41,895,721 | 58,998,348 | 71.0 | 41,540 |
| September | 32,888,970 | 54,398,532 | 60.5 | 33,914 |
| October | 34,468,706 | 55,507,544 | 62.1 | 36,519 |
| November | 31,506,302 | 52,723,437 | 59.8 | 34,695 |
| December | 32,434,239 | 55,695,092 | 58.2 | 34,230 |
| TOTAL 1988 | 411,797,664 | 657,516,940 | 62.6 | 433,154 |
| Jan - Aug 1988 | 280,499,447 | 439,192,335 | 63.9 | 293,796 |
| 1989 | | | | |
| January | 31,232,713 | 55,596,547 | 56.2 | 32,150 |
| February | 28,509,774 | 50,122,031 | 56.9 | 30,610 |
| March | 35,013,709 | 53,796,842 | 65.1 | 37,237 |
| April | 32,657,967 | 52,468,698 | 62.2 | 33,993 |
| May | 34,457,457 | 54,919,755 | 62.7 | 35,908 |
| June | 39,058,160 | 55,791,647 | 70.0 | 38,449 |
| July | 40,820,138 | 58,446,370 | 69.8 | 39,608 |
| August | 43,230,620 | 59,455,464 | 72.7 | 42,038 |
| TOTAL 1989 | 284,980,538 | 440,597,354 | 64.7 | 289,993 |

PERCENT CHANGE

| | REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000) | AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000) | ENPLANEMENTS (000) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1989/1988 | | | |
| August | 3.2 | 0.8 | 1.2 |
| Jan - August | 1.6 | 0.3 | -1.3 |

PASSENGER TRAFFIC
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES




CAPACITY
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES

LOADFACTOR
PERCENT OF CAPACITY UTILIZED
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES